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SUBJECT: CSCE: YUGOSLAV MINORITIES PROPOSALS

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1. DEPARTMENT AND ATHENS WILL RECALL THAT LAST FALL YUGOSLAVS TABLED WORKING PAPER IN SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (SC 11) CALLING INTER ALIA FOR PROPOSALS TO ENSURE THAT "MEMBERS OF NATIONAL MINORITIES ARE PROVIDED WITH EDUCATION IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE THROUGH SPECIAL INSTITUTIONS, BILINGUAL SCHOOLS, SPECIAL CLASSES IN SCHOOLS, AND BY OTHER MEANS" (GENEVA 5560, OCTOBER 19, 1973). NUMBER OF WESTERN AND NEUTRAL DELEGATIONS PROMPTLY EXPRESSED VARIETY OF RESERVATIONS ABOUT OTHER ITEMS IN THIS WORKING PAPER, AND YUGOSLAVS HAVE NOT PRESSED IT IN SC 11. PRESUMABLY FOR THIS REASON, GREEK REPRESENTATIVE IN NATO COMMITTEE III CAUCUS HAS TO DATE NOT ECHOED CONCERN EXPRESSED BY PAPAIOANNOU.

2. SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK, YUGOSLAVS ALSO TABLED PROPOSAL IN COMMITTEE I (SECURITY) ON NATIONAL MINORITIES. THIS WOULD HAVE PARTICIPATING STATES UNDERTAKE, INTER ALIA, TO: "INSURE TO MEMBERS OF NATIONAL MINORITIES THE RIGHT ...TO USE THEIR MOTHER TONGUE IN OFFICIAL INTERCOURSE (IN LOCAL AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLIES AND IN COURTS OF LAW; IN CONTACTS WITH AUTHORITIES AND IN OFFICIAL AND OTHER CONFIDENTIAL

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DOCUMENTS, PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION, ETC.);" INSURE THAT MEMBERS

OF NATIONAL MINORITIES "ARE PROVIDED WITH SCHOOLING AND ADEQUATE MEDIA OF INFORMATION IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE;" AND "DESIST FROM ANY MEASURES LIABLE TO RESULT IN THE ASSIMILATION OR INTEGRATION OF THE MINORITY WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION OF A COUNTRY." YUGOSLAV DELEGATION, HOWEVER, HAS NOT YET PRESENTED AND EXPLAINED THIS DOCUMENT IN ANY COMMITTEE I MEETING.

3. IF GREEKS WISH TAKE UP THIS MATTER IN MORE FORMAL WAY, THEY MAY WISH SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR CSCE DELEGATION TO RAISE IT IN APPROPRIATE NATO CAUCUSES.DALE

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